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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the necessary papers for filing the following application for  
Letters Patent:

Applicant : BERTHOLD BERENS ET AL.

Title : PUNCHING AND SCORING BACKING PLATE, METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING THE BACKING PLATE, MACHINE EQUIPPED  
WITH THE BACKING PLATE AND METHOD FOR PUNCHING  
AND SCORING WITH THE BACKING PLATE

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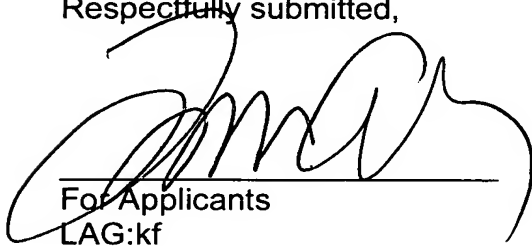
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Information Disclosure Statement and 4 References.

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